

S 2961

Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]

Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 24, 2018
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 24, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 24, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 24, 2018
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 24, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 24, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 24, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		May 24, 2018
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 24, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 6, 2018
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 9, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jul 16, 2018
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Aug 16, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 20, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 27, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 15, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5955	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2019)

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(Sec. 2) This bill reauthorizes for FY2019-FY2023 grants for local and regional children's advocacy centers (CACs), as well as for technical assistance and training. CACs coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child abuse.

The bill adds a new finding specifying the need for state chapters of CAC networks (1) to help local communities coordinate their multidisciplinary services, and (2) to provide oversight of, and training and technical assistance in, the effective delivery of evidence-informed programming.

It modifies grants for regional CACs, including

- to add, as a new program objective, collaboration with state chapters; and
- to require regional CACs to assist local CACs, multidisciplinary teams, and state chapters, in addition to communities.

It also modifies grants for local CACs, including

- to add, as a new grant purpose, promoting the effective delivery of the evidence-informed Children's Advocacy Model and the multidisciplinary response to child abuse;
- to allow grants to support direct services for victims of human trafficking, in addition to victims of child pornography; and
- to require a portion of grants to be distributed to state chapters.

The Department of Justice must report annually on efforts to monitor and evaluate the program activities of regional CACs and the extent to which both urban and rural populations are served by the regional CAC program.

(Sec. 3) The bill provides immunity from civil and criminal liability under federal, state, and local law for people who make good-faith reports of child abuse or neglect or who provide related information or assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 7, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 7, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 115-424.
- **Dec 27, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Mr. Collins (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10396-10401)
- **Dec 20, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2961.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10433-10434)
- **Dec 20, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 388 - 2 (Roll no. 453).(text: CR H10396-10398)
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- **Dec 20, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 12, 2018:** By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-432.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7449-7452)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7449-7450; text: CR S7449-7450)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7450-7452)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7450-7452)
- **Sep 18, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 18, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 581.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 24, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.